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RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 12th November 1955

No. 12(2)TB/55.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Starch Industry. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Protection to the Starch Industry need not be continued beyond 31st December, 1955, when the present period of protection expires. If as a result of a relative decline in prices of maize in foreign countries or any other factor, the industry finds itself unable to meet foreign competition, it may apply to Government for a review of its case. Any instance of dumping by foreign suppliers of starch or sago flour may be brought to the notice of the Commission direct.
- (2) The present policy of Import Control over starch and sago flour should be maintained to ensure continued development of the domestic starch industry. The interests of the consuming industries will not be adversely affected by continuance of Import Control since the starch industry has ample capacity to meet domestic requirements and there is enough internal competition to ensure that the prices of this product are maintained in fair relation to costs.
- (3) The Indian Standards Institution should formulate standard specifications for indigenous starch for industrial, pharmaceutical and edible purposes as early as possible.

2. Government accept recommendation (1) and will take suitable action to implement it in due course. Attention of the industry is invited to the latter part of the recommendation.

3. As regards recommendation (2), Government has taken note of the Commission's views, which will be taken into account, along with other relevant considerations, while framing the import policy from time to time.

4. Government accept recommendation (3) and will take steps to implement it as far as possible.

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